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ROTOR BLADE TIP SECTION

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on 04-05-2005. Please amend the application in the following particulars.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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knowledge disclosed within the present invention. This is impermissible usage of hindsight in an attempt to re-create Applicant's device. Accordingly, the claims are properly allowable.

Even if the combination were properly made, there are differences between the claimed invention and the teachings of the cited references so that the combination does not meet the limitations of Applicant's claims. Notably, neither reference discloses a main blade spar yet alone a main spar and a tip spar. As previously discussed, *Braswell* utilizes a metallic nose spar 12 and a trailing edge spar 18 and *Monteleone* is silent on the main rotor blade spar as the support 44 only extends for a short distance across the skin-to-skin interface. As such, the proposed combination fails to disclose or suggest a main rotor blade spar and/or a structural tip spar section as no such main blade spar is disclosed or suggested. Moreover, the combination fails to disclose or suggest a main rotor blade spar which is partially surrounded by a structural spar section and which is partially surrounded by a splice cap.

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Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a teleconference will facilitate moving this case forward to being issued, Applicant's representative can be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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